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DTSC STATUS REPORT UPDATE

South Richmond Shoreline Sites
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Revised

The purpose of this update is to inform the community of additional activities that have occurred since October 24, 2005 and activities that are expected to occur in the next 30 days at the South Richmond Shoreline Sites.

Activities Completed Since October 24, 2005:

- DTSC held a public meeting on October 25, 2005 to discuss the Draft Removal Action Workplan (Draft RAW) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) proposed Negative Declaration for the marsh sediment removal from three areas within East Stege Marsh at the Zeneca/Former Stauffer Chemical Site (Zeneca Site). The public comment periods for the Draft RAW and proposed Negative Declaration ended on November 9, 2005. DTSC began working on a response to the comments received during the public comment period and identifying the necessary changes to the RAW in response to comments.
- DTSC began preparation of a summary describing DTSC's evaluation of the soil gas sampling conducted around Building 240 at the Zeneca Site. The summary will be distributed to the community by the end of November.
- DTSC reviewed the Revised Quarterly Monitoring, Well Installation/Repair, and Lot 1/Lot 2 Field Sampling and Analysis Plan for the Zeneca Site and found that comments and recommendations made were incorporated into the revised document. Therefore, DTSC allowed the construction and repair of monitoring wells and soil gas probes to begin.
- Groundwater samples were collected at the Zeneca Site.
- DTSC began processing the contract documents and obtaining cost estimates that would allow DTSC's contractor, ERRG, to conduct an investigation at a Richmond Redevelopment Agency property. The investigation is being conducted based upon an allegation that drums were buried on the property. DTSC has also coordinated with the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), California Department of Health Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, California Fish and Game, Water Board, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Richmond Redevelopment Agency.
- Sampling of Vincent Park (formerly Peninsula Park), located at the end of Peninsula Drive at Marina Bay, was conducted to confirm the thickness of the cap material.

Activities Proposed for the Next 30 Days:

- DTSC will be finalizing the response to public comments on the Draft RAW for the remaining portions of East Stege Marsh and providing copies to the community. After the RAW is approved, a work notice will be sent to the community describing what activities will be conducted. Prior to approval of the RAW, the following activities will be occurring as they will not take place in the areas identified in the RAW:
 - Staging of the plants that will be used to replant the marsh.
 - A contractor will begin to replant the marsh. No volunteers will be used.
 - Installation of irrigation lines. A piece of equipment called a “Ditch Witch” will be used to make shallow trenches for the irrigation lines.
 - Staging of bins in the northern parking lot area.
 - Installation of temporary fencing around the East Stege Marsh. Warning signs will also be posted on the fence.
- Soil gas probes will be installed and repaired at the Zeneca Site beginning on Monday, November 21. The probes are permanent sampling points that are used to collect soil vapors from the soil. After the probes are installed, soil gas samples will be collected beginning on Tuesday, November 29.
- New groundwater monitoring wells will be installed on Lot 1 at the Zeneca Site.
- DTSC expects to receive the soil gas sampling results collected from the Harbor Front Properties. After reviewing the results, soil and groundwater sampling will be conducted around the Harbor Front Properties by DTSC's contractor Weiss Associates. The Harbor Front Properties are located to the east of the Zeneca Site.
- Construction activities at Area FM at Marina Bay will begin with soil excavation for the utility corridors. DTSC will be providing more information in a work notice that will be sent to the community prior to the start of excavation activities.
- UC Berkeley will fence off the area around Building 102 where elevated levels of mercury have been detected.
- UC Berkeley will be collection soil samples around Building 155 on November 18 as they will be installing termite monitoring stations for a research project.
- An informational bulletin board is being constructed at the Richmond Field Station near Building 451.
- DTSC anticipates that the investigation for the buried metal objects at the Richmond Redevelopment Agency property will be conducted. DTSC will be providing more information in a work notice that will be sent to the community prior to the start of the investigation.